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E. C. JAMESON, Chairman.
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The Chicago Tribune.

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WASHINGTON.

...d of Yesterday's Pro-...edings in Congress.

Apportionment Bill Considered in the House.

Cataczy Correspondence Sent to the Senate.

...ct of the ex-Minister's Overbearing Officiousness.

...Report for the Passage of a General Amnesty Bill.

...Proposal to The Chicago Tribune.
...MENTARY FISH.
...ed Dec. 1.—A paper requesting Sec...
...ch to remember his determination to re...
...Catacazy was drawn up to-day by
...friends and circulated for signatures.
...ber of the Republicans signed it.
...ion of the expediency of connecting
...Mr. Kinsella a number of Senators feel
...that Mr. Fish will agree to remain.
...of this movement in the Senate is the
...position to Edwards Pierrepont.
ASEMAN.
...ation concerning Akerman is about
...President and several in the Cabinet
...ed of, he would resign, but of
...is little present probability.
...ion and plain hints.
CATACAZY CORRESPONDENCE.
...ed on the night in administration
...the sender of Cameron concern-
...correspondence. It was intend-
...ly by the Senate, to hold it solely
...use but Cameron allowed it to
...for printing, and before he had
...the situation it was out in the
...out in the hands of correspondents
...ress, who were each busy se-
...with their tastes, and had ob-
...of the matter, and several
...letters, when Cameron
...a high state of demoralization
...upon the papers in hot haste
...of the executive session. Be-
...recovered to prevent the
...obtained, the substance of the
...telegraphed in all directions.
...Catacazy correspondence several
...of his attempts to use the press to
...between the United States and
...instance of this is as follows:
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...Sumner's instructions to Catacazy con-
...cara question, and a reported al-
...and the United States, and the
...letter was to place obstacles
...of settling the Alabama claims. The
...was never appeared in print Catacazy
...State Department, called Mr. Fish's
...Sumner, and assumed all responsibility
...Sumner subsequently ascertained
...was furnished to a correspondent of
...Catacazy himself; that, after the
...revision, the manuscript was at Cata-
...and submitted to him for revision.
CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.
...bill, to-day, introduced a
...ring that whenever the Secretary of
...shall be satisfied by evidence sub-
...any United States bonds or
...other evidence of government in-
...have been destroyed in the Chicago
...it be lawful for the Secretary to issue
...bonds or securities, taking
...to prove to whom the issue is made
...amount found or supposed to come
...against fraud or mistake.
THE APPOINTMENT.
...ment to-day of W. B. Irving as Reg-
...ue Office in Utah is regarded by
...as a decision here as indicating that
...ing extends to modify its policy
...ing. Maxwell, the former incum-
...the contestant for Hooper's
...ion, is active in his persecution of
...and was chiefly instrumental in
...his arrest against their leaders.
...ATIVES THE OSAGE LANDS.
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...spinal Curvature, and all other personal
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...ORMON QUESTION
...decided exciting the present session.
...ah is received his old bill to punish
...ities, enabling acts, providing for the
...of Utah as a State into the Union, have
...not will be introduced in both
...Senate. They will provide that
...ion of Utah, making any person
...ed according to the laws of the
...that the marriage relations,
...ing that Territory, shall not be
DISABILITY BILL.
...Judiciary Committee met this
...adopted a resolution offered by Mr.
...providing for the removal of all dis-
...the Fourteenth Amendment, and
...ment of the power of the President
...the pleasure of the President
...ve writ of habeas corpus, and to hold
...responsible civilly and criminally
...y of the writ.
...ATIVES TO CATACAZY.
...Catacazy called up his old bill to
...disabilities, which he advocated
...with persistency and so lit-
...last session. The bill in question
...ed by Mr. Hale, of Maine, last spring,
...provided for the removal of all
...by the Fifteenth Amendment,
...ly amended by Judge Poland,
...from its operations members of
...of the army and navy above
...it was withdrew to aid the re-
...States of Slate conventions which
...decide of secession. In this state
...to the Senate and was
...at last session by the South Caro-
...In consideration was affected to-
...and Senate rules, which prohibits
...being taken up within six days after
...ment of the session. Mr. Robert-
...that he would again call up the
...bill. It will not pass in its present
...endments have been prepared to
...E. Poland's amendments, and to
...originally introduced by Mr.
...eration of the President's sug-
...bill was a disadvantage or propriety;
...from office merely because be-
...bad character and standing
...ecessary prominence. Many adminis-
...who have heretofore opposed
...will now support it.
CHICAGO PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
...Farwell was before the Public
...this day and made an earnest
...favor of action on the bill to restore
...buildings in Chicago. The com-
...to do all in their power to hasten

[By the Associated Press.]
...NATIONS.
...Dec. 5.—The following nomina-
...were sent to the Senate to-
...Frederick Drew, for the
...Idaho; George A. Kelch, for
...Nance, Mobile; Chester A.
...Henry K. Smith, Omaha.
...Joseph Coly, for
...New Mexico; C.
...of Ohio.
...—A. King, Na-
...District, Michigan;
...L. Favora, De-
...Bissett, of Indiana,
...Giddings, of Michi-
...Frederick Watts,
...of Agriculture, a
...Van Tyne, Envoy
...Pumpelly, Secretary to
...of Kentucky;
...Flint, of Miss uri,
...Lamar, of Illinois, at
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...A. P. Forsyth, Jefferson, Wis.; A. C. Van Tyne,
...Clark, D. Post, Elko, Nev.; Frederick Watts,
...Beatrice, Nebr.; Joseph Bissett, Montana;
...Clark, J. W. Patterson, Iowa; Hon. R. H. Jenison, Leaven-
...Hon. E. A. McCormick, Cal.; C. H. Hempstead, Texas; Hon. A. C. H.
...Hon. Frederick Douglass, Jr., Hon. D. W. Ma-
...Hon. Wm. Hunter, Penn.; Hon. Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Champagne, Ill.;
...Hon. R. T. Wilson, Hon. Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Champagne, Ill.;
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NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE.

Fourth Annual Meeting of the Organization in St. Louis.

Report of the Executive Council.

Address by President Fraley.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6.—The fourth annual meeting of the National Board of Trade began at the temple in this city, at noon to-day.

ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED.

The constituent bodies represented at the first roll call were as follows: Baltimore Board of Trade and Corn Exchange, Boston Board of Trade and Corn Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, Cincinnati Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, Detroit and Dubuque Boards of Trade, Milwaukee, New Orleans, and New York Chambers of Commerce, Philadelphia Board of Trade and Commercial Exchange, Portland and St. Louis Boards of Trade, St. Louis Union Merchants' Exchange, Wilmington, Del., Board of Trade; in all, sixty delegates answered to their names.

PRELIMINARIES.

The board was called to order by the President, Frederick Fraley, of Philadelphia, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Nicholls, of St. Louis. The address of welcome was made by Gen. B. Allen, President of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, followed by L. R. Shrock, President of the St. Louis Board of Trade. The President returned the thanks of the National Board for the cordial welcome extended. The credentials of Delegates were then received.

A despatch was read from Buffalo stating that business affairs and family sickness would probably prevent a representation from the Board of Trade of that city.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Hamilton A. Hill, of Boston, Secretary and Treasurer, presented the annual report of the Executive Council, an elaborate and lengthy document, devoted to the presentation of subjects which should come before the board for discussion and action. These subjects are as follows: First. The ratio of representation in the board, the Council recommending an amendment to the effect that each constituent body containing over five hundred members shall be entitled to one extra delegate for each additional three hundred members. Second. The completion of accurate statistics of the commerce of the country, to secure which the active co-operation of each constituent body is earnestly solicited in order that the Secretary of the National Board may be enabled to obtain reliable reports from which to compile a comprehensive statement. Third. Direct importations to interior cities, and the alteration and amendments of the existing law requisite to render its workings less complicated and of greater benefit to the localities intended to be reached. Fourth. Freedom of national trade by the repeal in all the States where they exist of the odious and oppressive laws imposing licenses, and local taxes upon non-resident business men. It is recommended that a conference of delegates from the Legislatures of their respective States in this respect and labor for the repeal of these laws, 1872. The appointment of the Executive Council in opposition for its purchase by the United States Government. Sixth. A national railway to the Pacific Ocean, constructed by the government and open to the use of all carriers. The report on this subject says that there is a strong feeling in the community that great industrial enterprises should not be brought within the influence of politics, and the evident consensus of the council is in this unsettling policy of railway aid that the best means of securing reduced rates and increased speed and safety. Seventh. Trade relations with Canada. On this subject the report is especially voluminous, entering largely into statistics. In June last the council held a joint session with representatives of the Dominion Board of Trade, and arrangements were made by which the best minds of the Dominion will be represented at the present annual meeting of the National Board, and give their views of the important questions involved, and it is thought that the hope that the matter will be thoroughly discussed, with a view to its final adjustment upon liberal lines, the securing of the legislation necessary to place upon a satisfactory basis the commercial intercourse between the United States and Canada. It is urged that during the present session of the board a specific plan be adopted for recommendation to Congress.

At the June conference, in Boston, the following propositions in outline were submitted by the council, verbally through the President, to the delegates from the Dominion, and they are now reported for the information, and offer for consideration at this session. The introduction of all the manufactures and products of the United States into the domain of Canada free of import duty, and the like concession by the United States to the manufactures and products of the Dominion. Second. Uniform laws to be passed by both countries for the imposition of duties on imports and for internal taxation, the same collected from these sources to be placed in a common treasury and to be divided between the two governments by a per capita or some other equally fair ratio. (It may be remarked here that the President of the Dominion board of trade, Hon. John Young, of Montreal who is here as a delegate regards this proposition as wholly impracticable and not worthy of serious consideration.) Third. The abolition of Dominion buildup and vessels to American registry, enrollment, and license, and to all the privileges of the coasting and foreign trade. Fourth. The Dominion to enlarge its canals and improve the navigation of the St. Lawrence, and to aid in the building any great lines of international railroads, and to place the citizens of the United States in the same position as to the use of such works as is enjoyed by the citizens of the Dominion, the United States and the several States giving the citizens of the Dominion the same rights and privileges over works of the same character in the United States.

The remarks of the council upon this subject conclude as follows:

"It is supposed that the present and gradually increasing debt of the Dominion and its proper national expenses will soon be equal, if they are not so already, to the burden *per capita* imposed by the interest on the national debt of the United States, and the national expenditure as they now are, or soon will be, under the present rapid payment of the debt."

Of the six sessions here, which are to follow, statements bearing on these points will be made, and it will then appear whether the difference in the accession of the two governments consist, and it is hoped a way will be seen to adjust them on a liberal and equitable basis.

The eighth clause of the report relates to the treaty with Great Britain, which, in the opinion of the council will have a great effect upon the commercial prosperity of the United States more directly in opening the way for the revival of the American shipping.

Ninth. A Department of Commerce, as a branch of the United States Government having at its head a Secretary or Minister, and not a mere bureau, as recommended by President Grant.

The report concludes with the allusion to the city's calamity, expressing the sympathy of the National Board with its constituent members in Chicago, which has suffered as no other Board of Trade ever suffered before. It showed the truth of the theory advanced at the last annual meeting, that when one member of the National Board suffers all the constituent members suffer with it. Confidence is expressed that Chicago's misfortunes are but temporary, and that she will soon resume her former important place in the commerce of the world.

DAILY SESSIONS.

On motion it was decided that, after to-day, the session each day be continuous, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., and holding until 5 o'clock p. m., without intermission.

RECESS.

The board then took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The board reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by President Fraley, who announced that the first thing in order was the election of President for the ensuing year, and requested Mr. Bagley, of Detroit, to take the chair.

Mr. Strachan, of New York, nominated Frederick Fraley for President, and a motion was made to have the ballot of the board cast for Mr. Fraley. This was ruled out of order, as unconstitutional, and tellers were then appointed, the ballot being unanimous for Mr. Fraley, who was accordingly declared unanimously elected.

PRESIDENT FRALEY'S ADDRESS.

On resuming the chair Mr. Fraley returned his thanks for the high honor conferred upon him in the form of a complimentary speech, he delivered an address in accordance. With a previous request of the Executive Council. In this address the President touches upon the questions of the currency, the revenue system, taxes, duties, excises, the restoration of American commerce and the present commercial relations with Canada, the disposition of public lands, etc., together with matters connected with the organization of the National Board of Trade, on all of which subjects the President expressed his views, and recommends the same to be passed to the committee.

The board then proceeded to the election of Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year, and the following gentlemen were elected: R. H. Kirk, Jr., Baltimore; J. W. Candler, Boston; Thomas Wright, Chicago; George Opdyke, New York; George G. Hazard, Buffalo; W. F. McLaren, Milwaukee; C. Lester Taylor, Cincinnati; George Bates, St. Louis; George F. Bacley, Detroit; John B. Brown, Portland; W. M. Burwell, New Orleans; R. Rose Cox, Philadelphia; J. K. Sullivan, Quincy; R. H. Smith, Mobile.

CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

Avery Plummer, of Boston, offered a resolution providing for the admission to seats on the floor of the delegates from the Dominion Board of Trade, invited by the Executive Council, and for the appointment of a committee of eight to confer with Canadian representatives with reference to the basis of commercial intercourse between the United States and Canada, and the improvement of rail and artificial highways, one of the resolutions was unanimously carried when the President cordially welcomed the Canadian delegates to the floor.

The Committee of Rules was announced as follows: Messrs. Plumer, St. Boston; Taylor, of Cincinnati; Strachan, of New York; Bagley, of Detroit; Hoffut of Milwaukee; Fraley, of Philadelphia; Wright of Chicago, and Able, St. Louis.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

On motion a committee on credentials was appointed consisting of Messrs. Kirkland, of Baltimore; Stanton, of Illinois; Bowman, of Chicago; Wetherell, of Philadelphia, and Bradford, of Wilmington.

A communication from the Pittsburgh Board of Trade proposing to withdraw from the National Board was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials reported having received applications from, and recommending the admission to membership of the Boards of Quincy, Mobile and St. Joseph Boards of Trade. The report was concurred in.

TO-DAY'S SESSION.

In consequence of an invitation by the local committee of arrangements, for the board to take a carriage ride on Missouri afternoon, a vote of the forenoon session was reconsidered, and the board adjourned until 9 o'clock in the morning, the session to continue until 4 o'clock.

Card from Lord, Preston & Kean.

Now that the demand for the Ladies of the Northern Pacific Railroad is so great as to make sure that a market will be found for its vast land subsidy, that fact is doing much to carry it into good hands into the widest popular favor. The Company lands have an average sale anything near equal to those which have so far been sold, the value of the present issue of bonds, would amount to hundreds of millions of dollars. Should the average price be much short of that it is confidently hoped for, still the appreciation will be enormously large. Bonds are for sale by LORD, PRESTON & KEAN.

THE HAVANA TRAGEDY.

Shooting of Eight Students for Desecrating the Grave of a Spaniard.

HAVANA (Nov. 28) Correspondence of the New York Times.

The medical class of the Havana University meets immediately behind the old cemetery in St. Dominic's Hall. Like all other students, the medical students of Havana are very lively, and as noisy and full of mischief as every where else. On Thursday last the medical class, on entering their room, were informed that no lecture would be given that day, as the Professor of Anatomy was unwell. The class, composed of young men and boys, immediately left the college, when one of the number, stated to have been Alonso Alvares de la Campa, proposed to jump over the cemetery walls in the rear of the college and have some fun. All agreed, and in a few moments the whole party was inside. After roaming around for a few minutes, they met before the vault in which Gonzalo Castanon, whom the Spaniards venerate as a political martyr, and who was killed by the Cubans in Key West, lies buried. Whatever may have tempted the young people, or whoever may have instigated the deed, they forgot for a moment that they were gentlemen and Christians, forgot their respect for the dead, and committed an act which at all times would have been reprehensible, but which, considering the circumstances, and the extent to which Castanon's memory is held by the Spaniards, was insane. Some of them defiled the grave by breaking the glass of the urn in which Castanon's remains repose, scattering the wreaths hung there by friends, and tearing up the sod in front of the grave. The height of their recklessness and profane behavior was reached when they wrote on the tombstone the following:

Gonzalo Castanon muerto en tierra estrana
Por su pecadores de vil Espana.

(Gonzalo Castanon, who died in a foreign land, suffering for the crimes of vile Spain.)

There was another verse which was so vulgar and indecent that I am ashamed to write it. The priest in charge of the cemetery heard the noise and approached them, remonstrating with them, but he was forced to retire. The young men dispersed, stoned and with at him, and hooting and yelling like so many demons. They then went home, but the matter was noised about; hundreds of people went to see the tomb and read the scrawl. The priest at once preferred charges.

When Governor Roberts, Acting Executive, heard of the affair, he went to the Medical school on Saturday, when all the students were assembled, and demanded the names of the ring-leaders, but nobody spoke. Public indignation was rising rapidly. All were marched off to the public jail and placed in a large room by themselves, separate from the rest of the prisoners. Three or four of the young men then declared who had been the ring-leaders in the business, and before night eight students had been pointed out as the guilty ones. They then went home, but the volunteers and corps of artillery, who have grown up some say making preparations to leave the island, fearful of their personal safety compromise themselves. Nearly all the youths executed are sons of Spaniards and volunteers.

A Store for the Wholesale Trade to Rent.

A good brick building, 100 by 80 feet, on the site of the Nevada Hotel, corner of Washington and Franklin streets, will be finished by the 1st of the month, with permit. It is intended to have it ready for occupation by the 1st of May. Dealers of it can be seen at the counting-room of THE TRIBUNE any day at 1 p. m. It is for rent, and will be let to such a good responsible tenant, on a five years' lease, if desired.

Grand Display of Jewelry.

W. M. Mayo's new jewelry store, corner Wabash avenue and Twenty-second street, has proved a great attraction, this week being his opening of a new store and goods, and those beautiful bouquets from Bert n. Great taste has been displayed in fitting up the store. The goods speak for themselves.

A Good Investment.

A ticket to the gift concert for the benefit of the Louisville Library is a good investment, for it may result to the purchaser in a solid cash gift of $10,000, and it must result in aiding the endowment of a magnificent public institution. Hall, Sherman House, can give full particulars.

The Burnt District.

James Egan having rebuilt his wholesale liquor house and sample room, will reopen at No. 198 East Madison street, on Thursday, December 7, and will celebrate the laying of the first brick toward rebuilding the burnt district. Friends are invited to participate.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Premature loss of hair, which is so common now-a-days, may be entirely prevented by the use of Burnett's Cocoaine.

How can it be otherwise?—That small manufacturers make baking powder to sell at a less price than the actual cost of materials used in it, Price's Cream Baking Powder, unless by largely adulterating.

Harris & Stone are selling ladies' and children's furs very low. Harris, formerly with Bishop & Barnes.

CHICAGO EVENING BOARD.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6—5 p. m.

Sales 500 brls mess pork, seller February, at $13.45; 250 tcs lard, seller February, at 8 7-8c, cold delivered; 40 country points, freight equal, to Chicago; 100,000 the shoulders, 20 days to salt, December, 4c; bid for cash lard, 8c; asked, 8 5-8c; bid for mess pork, January, $13.15; asked, $13.50. Cut meats steady, with small offerings.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Gold weak, selling at 109 3-4, the lowest price recorded since 1869. Loans from 4 to 7 per cent in gold for carrying. Clearings, $69,000,000.

Governments firm, with moderate business. Sixes for corporation account sold at 110 1-2; fives, 109 1-2@110; 10-40s, 109 5-8@110. Awards, $217,450, as from 109 7-8@109 90-100.

Stocks firm. The principal dealings were in Western Union, Northwestern, Pacific Mail, Lake Shore and Reading. The market at the close was dull, though a little firmer than it had been during the day.

Money firm at 7 per cent, currency to gold. 1-16 was paid for carrying stocks.

In State bonds, Tennessees were firm and South Carolinas weak, in the afternoon, selling at 59 late in the day 45 was bid.

Sterling exchange, 109 1-8.

Coupons, '62	117 1-4	Coupons, '67	114 3-4
Coupons, '64	114 1-4	Coupons, '68	114 3-4
Coupons, '65	114 3-4	Coupons, 10-40s	109 3-4
Coupons, '65, new	113 1-4	Currency 6s	119

State bonds:

Missouri, 6s	98	Virginia, old	61
Tennessee, old	59 1-2	N. Carolina, old	45
Tennessee, new	57	S. Carolina, new	59
Canton Co	60		

Stocks closed:

Cumberland	49	N. J. C	121 1-4
Western Union	69 1-4	St. Paul	37
Quicksilver	39 1-4	St. Paul, pf	74
Pacific Mail	30 1-4	Wabash	52 1-4
Adams Express	67 1-4	Wabash, pf	82 1-4
Wells & Fargo	90	Del. & Hud	107
Canton	60	Del. & Lack	97
United States	87 3-4	Terre Haute	11
Pacific Mail	30 1-4	Ohio & Miss	29
New York Central	93 1-4	Chicago & Alton	110
N. Central Rwy.	79	Panama	133
Erie	21 1-4	C. C. & I. C	87
Erie, pf	37 1-4	C. C. & C	95
Reading	93	Michigan S	93 1-4
Harlem	127 1-2	Lake Shore	93 1-4
Michigan C	97 1-2	Illinois C	125
Mich. Cen	117	Illinois Central	125
Pittsburgh	103 3-4	Union Pacific	37 1-2
Rock Island	103	C. P. U	34 1-4
Ft. Wayne	103 1-2	Central Pacific	93 1-4
Ohio & Miss	29		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6—1:30 p. m.—Flour, 25s@26s. Wheat—Winter, 10s 7d@10s 8d; Spring, 10s 4d@10s 5d; No. 2 spring, 10s 10d; white, 11s 2d. Corn, 25s 6d.

Provisions—Pork, 52s. Lard, 46s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 34s 6d; short ribs, 35s; clear, 36s.

Tallow, 39s 6d.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 6.—Bonds, 93, 93 1-4.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6—Noon.—Cotton active; middling uplands, 9 3-4d; Orleans, 10 1-4d. Sales, 20,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000 bales.

Breadstuffs—Wheat—Red winter, 9s 7d. Flour, 25s@26s.

Provisions—Mess pork, 52s. Cumberland middles, 36s; short ribs, 36s.

Lard—Prime, 46s 6d.

Tallow, 47s.

Petroleum—Crude, 1s6d.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, Dec. 6—Cattle—Supply, 3,200 head. Market rules heavy; prices 25@50c lower; considerable stock in transit delayed West. Sales: 20 Michigan steers, av. 1,190 lb, 1,216 lbs, $4.37 1-2 at 4.50; 113 Ohio, av. 1,170 lbs, $4.25; 36 do, av. 1,256 lbs, $4.50; 80 do premiums, av. 1,615 lbs, at $5.50; 97 Illinois, av. 1,233 to 1,316 lbs, $4.25 at $4.50; 28 choice Kentucky, av. 1,350 lbs, at $5.12 1-2; 67 Missouri, av. 1,192 lbs, at 5c.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,402. Stock scarce and in demand; prices 25@50c better.

Ohio sheep, av. 94 to 94 lbs, $5.30@5.55; 999 Canada sheep, av. 117 to 136 lbs, $4.25@4.50; 699 Canada lambs, av. 70 lbs, at $5.50; 60 do, av. 72 lbs, at 5c.

Hogs—Receipts 15,221; market brisk. All sold, at prices 10c@20c better; sales at $4.50@4.55c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The dry goods market is quiet and steady, the only change of importance to observe being a reduction in the price of Newmarket cottonades to 37½c, and Utica 36-inch bleached muslins to 17c.

The Produce Markets.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—COTTON—In fair demand and steady; middling uplands, 9¼c.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour dull and lower; receipts, 9,000 brls; super Western and State, $5.80@6.10; common to fair extra, $6.15@6.50; good to choice, $6.55@7.25; white wheat extra, $7.60@7.75; extra Ohio, $6.45@7.10; St. Louis, $6.30@8.25. Rye flour steady. Corn meal unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged; receipts, 10,000 bu; winter, $1.36@1.37; Western spring, $1.36@1.37; winter red Western, $1.36@1.41; amber, $1.42@1.45; white, $1.45@1.75. Rye steady. Barley dull and unchanged. Corn quiet; receipts, 46,000 bu; 1 cargo mixed afloat, 72 1-2@73c; in store, 78 1-2c; new Western mixed, 74@75c; new yellow, 74@75c. Oats heavy; receipts, 19,000 bu; Western mixed, 47@48c; white, 50@52c.

HOPS—Firm; choice for 1871; 20@30c for 1870; 10@15c for 1869; 5@8c for old.

PETROLEUM—Refined firm, and a shade better; crude, 10½c; refined, 23c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 6.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull and unchanged. Corn dull and unchanged. Oats dull and unchanged. Hogs—steady at $5.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 brls; wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 400 bu; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 1,000 brls; wheat, 4,000 bu; corn, 400 bu; oats, 1,000 bu.

LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 6.—TOBACCO—Sales 37 hhds: leaf, $11@17 3-4; low leaf to medium trashings, $5@7 1-2.

COTTON—Strong and higher; middlings at 10 1-4c.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet; extra family, $6.25. Grain in good local demand at previous prices.

PROVISIONS—Pork, inactive at $14.50@14.75. Bacon—Sides scarce; held—62 1-2c asked; no shoulders or clear rib here. Bulk meats and lard unchanged.

WHISKEY—90c.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour—Firm. Superfine, $6.25; double extra, $7.50; treble extra, $7.75. Corn firm at 75@76c. Oats firmer at 55@56c. Bran firm at $1.05.

HAY—Firm. Prime, 42.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, inc. Bacon dull; shoulders, 7 3-4c; sides, 9c; sugar-cured hams, 14@15c. Lard dull; tierce, 8 3-4@9c; keg, 10@10 1-2c.

GROCERIES—Sugar weak; inferior, fair 7 1-4c; common to good common, 8 3-4@8 7-8c; fair to fully fair, 7 1-4@7 3-4c; prime, 9 1-4@10c. Molasses dull and lower; inferior, 35c; common to good fair, 40@45c; prime, 50@55c; choice, 60@65c. Coffee unchanged.

MONETARY—Sterling, 10; sight, 9-4@2 discount; gold, 108 3-4@109.

COTTON—Firmer and active; sales, 9,500 bales; good ordinary at 10 c@10 3-4c; low middling, 10 1-4@10 3-4c; middling, 11c; receipts, 9,567 bales; exports—Boston, 1,141 bales; stock, 149,955 bales.

WHISKEY—90@92 1-2.

AMUSEMENTS.

STAR LECTURE COURSE.

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MARK TWAIN

Will deliver the next lecture of the course on the 19th inst., subject not announced. The Committee, for which is no complaint, the Managers respectfully urge all who have tickets to attend the course or to donate before the evening of the lecture, and that they may do so, will begin the sale of tickets TO-MORROW (Friday) morning, at the Lecture Room, at 9 o'clock, 228 West Madison st.; Hoffman's Library, 87 West Lake-st., and Rumble's Drug Store, 1,001 Madison-st.

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FINANCIAL.

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BERLIN.

Prussian Sympathy for Chicago.

German Politics—The Reserve Fund for the Next War.

Shaking up of Feudalism in Mecklenburg—A Tammany Hall in Turkey.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BERLIN, Prussia, Nov. 14.

The fearful disaster which has befallen the opulent and thriving city still continues the object of general attention and hearty sympathy. The telegraphic news of the destruction of the proudest portions of Chicago have been taken to practically express the national participation of the numerous calls in your great sorrow. Up to this day, nothing over 40,000 thalers have been collected, and more, it is confidently expected, will come in. Mr. Kreisman, United States Consul, informs us that preparations are made to give a grand concert in behalf of the Chicago sufferers. To this effect the use of the Royal Opera is secured, and arrangements are in progress to obtain the aid of the best artists the nation affords. The following detailed accounts of the fire in Chicago are now reaching all parts of this vast population daily, and serve to make interest and sympathy. Letters of your inhabitants, and the general energy with which they proceed to check, excite wonder and unfeigned admiration. News of your present prosperity, looked for with as much avidity as regarding the alarming progress of the fire raging upon your opulent homes and commercial horses, is of unparalleled rapidity with which the news by the Berlin press, and several papers have highly complimented Chicago's Phœnix-like rise from the ashes.

THE IMPERIAL DIET

is holding about, and, from time to time, such measures submitted by the Government. Few of these measures, this session, attained more than local interest, save, perhaps, to have is one (recently carried by a majority) regarding the introduction of Prussia's favorite institution, the Empire, viz., a reserve fund of thalers, (5 millions), to be used at the government's discretion, in the event of a pressure met with considerable and decided opposition from the Liberals. The logic of Prince Bismarck, backed by facts showing the vast benefit derived from the similar Prussian institution, and the unanimity of the Conservatives, succeeded in its passage. This institution obtained popular favor in Germany, considering that the dotations already amount to over 30,000,000 thalers, that a liberal military law is already voted by the Diet; that the actual forces amount to over 400,000 well armed men; that she now counts of France in her possession, as confirmed by government, terms of contained peace were never before presented, an unbiased observer cannot say why the government asked for 60,000,000 of much needed capital for the commerce and sink them in the sea. Indeed, this singular piece of political economy compels one to think the government has not firm faith in the people, or, that it mistrusts its own.

THE CALL OF NEIGHBORING POWERS.

The recent visit of the Russian Chancellor to Berlin Court and Cabinet; the visit of Count Beust from the Premier-ship of Austria, and the harsh tone of the Austrian Cabinet's organ, the *Austrian*, on the 10th inst., mainly to indicate the accurate of Austria's future influence. The wild and extravagant speculations of the German and Austrian Ministerial crisis, and the various assertions of the official organs, are simply to counteract the speculations of the press, generated by speculators in this. One thing is certain. Austria is friendly to the German Empire, and is decidedly opposed to the new project of him for his intrigues to enlarge a disease which is at the heart of the nation and which the government endeavors, successfully, to eradicate from the Ottoman Empire.

The success of the Liberals in other arts than the political sense is evinced by several sons of this quaint old city. Fruit, flowers and plastics, one, particularly distinguished by a symphony in C minor by Mendelssohn, was warmly and favorably appreciated by the musical critics of the Library for Chicago.

Prof. D. M. Farr, of the Chicago News:

I proposed to you a year ago to send you a new Free Press, to remain there as a gift, and a keepsake and memento of my kindness for ever. I have, according to promise, found many missing articles, and have given a brief account of the finding in the first place, and of certain moneys I myself found in the hands of the Communists, and of the manner in which I got them back. I have also given a brief account of the Communistic rule in the city, and in all places, and of the legitimate depositions of the Parisians will submit it in part.

THE GOVERNMENT SCANDAL.

Considerable information, and a good deal of daily investigation, has come to prove a second and improved case of systematic extortion and purloining of the American metropolis. All this may be a great mind, fell victim to the implicit confidence rested in him, and other high functionaries, but, so fortunate as to be the disgrace and the tolerance, and, possibly, of their Chief has led to the Mahmoud Pacha, the Grand Vizier, called to that post by the will of Ali, is making a Predecessor's policy and Fuad Pacha, former Minister of War, and Secretary of the Sultan, the ex-Minister of War, and are now in temporary

The Mahmoud Pacha was, at first, a Reformist, but his evident and real economy, which proves a failure, to work about a change him into public favor; he is bitter

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THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

The telegraphic statement of the contents of the bill introduced in Congress by Mr. Farwell suggests that the new government buildings may be located on the square now partially occupied by the Post Office building, on some other, not exceeding two blocks distant. The exact object sought by this language is not apparent. The Supervising Architect of the Treasury recommends the purchase of the whole of the block now partly owned by the government. In that recommendation the Secretary of the Treasury and the President concur. Why, then, provide by law that some other block, not more than two squares distant, may be selected? This is not a case of the selection of a site for the erection of public buildings, where the government proposes to enter the market and buy land where it is cheapest. It is a proposition by the government to purchase additional land, adjoining that which it already possesses, upon which to erect buildings proportioned to its needs. To obtain this land, the Secretary of the Treasury has applied to the Governor and Legislature of the State for authority to condemn, for public purposes, so much land as may be required, which is the remainder of the block on which the Post Office building stands. The government seeks that block and no other. It seeks it not by private purchase when a sale may be refused or extortionate prices demanded, but under the provisions of law, by which its value can be determined by a jury, and the title be transferred upon payment of the ascertained sum. Under such a proceeding there is no danger of extortion on the one hand, nor of avoiding just compensation on the other. The government will get what it wants and pay the proper price therefor. If Mr. Farwell's bill contemplates a change of site, it must be for the reason that the present one is inaccessible or not central enough, and yet, by providing for a change not more than two blocks distant, it concedes that the present location is not out of the way. In addition to the public reasons we have stated, the propriety of avoiding even an appearance of controversy, or of a real estate speculation, ought to be evident to every person. The government should be left free to make its own selection. There are, moreover, private interests which ought not to be wantonly violated. Many hundreds of thousand dollars have been invested in that neighborhood, because of the location of the national offices, and while, of course, private interests must be always subordinate to public ones, there should be no change in the location of the Custom House and Post Office, unless for good and sufficient reasons. No such reasons have yet been shown.

WHO SHALL PAY FOR THE BOOKS?

We take occasion to reproduce and commend the suggestions of General Julius White, President of the Board of Cook County Commissioners, in his inaugural address on Monday, relative to the abstract of title books which it has been proposed that the county should purchase. Rendered but Tuesday for the past seven or eight weeks, doubtless, noticed that the county authorities have not lacked for suggestions on the subject, coming from volunteer sources through the public press. Of the methods proposed for solving the difficulties which are supposed to embarrass the transfer of real estate in Chicago, the name has been legion. Perhaps, however, a majority of all the doctors who "the panacea to offer for the case propose" is the county shall acquire the abstract books belonging to the three firms in the city who have such to sell.

It shall be deemed advisable to purchase the abstract books at such price, and if the owners shall consent to sell at a reasonable price, General White recommends that it shall be done in such a manner as practicably to throw the cost of the purchase upon those who are benefited by it. To accomplish this, the county, having acquired the books, should establish certain charges for furnishing abstracts, sufficient, at least, to defray the interest upon the bonds which must be issued to make the purchase. It is difficult to see why the rule which the law has always made, of charging to the parties interested in the conveyance of real estate the expense of documenting title thereto, should be varied now, when the conditions of the case are not essentially changed. "There is, certainly, no duty in requiring a merchant, mechanic, farmer, who rarely, if ever, has occasion to refer to the records, to pay any part of the expenses of those who have occasion to resort to them daily." If A wishes to make money by transferring a piece of real estate to B, and B wishes to make money by buying it, there is certainly no reason why C should be called on to defray the expenses of the transaction, or of fitting B out with facilities for transferring the property to D. In opposition to this view of the case it may be urged that there are many who wish not to deed their land away in the simple, but to mortgage it for the purpose of making improvements, and that it will be a drawback to Chicago business if they cannot be assisted to do this by laws simplifying the process of exhibiting titles. We take it that he who wants to build will not allow the fee charged for an abstract to stand in his way now any more than before the fire. It is, as President White says, an open question, whether it would be better for the county to buy these three sets of abstract books, or leave them in the hands of their owners, as they have been heretofore. On this question we are inclined to the former course. But there is no reason why the purchase of the books should entail any tax upon the county at large.

THE CURRENCY.

Of all the questions which it becomes necessary for a public journal to discuss, or public officer to dig into, or a member of Congress to pretend to know something about, the currency question is, perhaps, the most forbidding, and the one requiring the greatest amount of patience and the largest exercise of the reasoning faculty. There is nothing, however, intrinsically mysterious or recondite about it. The phenomena of a bank, a clearing-house, a gold currency, or a paper currency, whether redeemable or irredeemable, are as susceptible of analysis and explanation to those of a retail grocery. The principles governing these various institutions and devices for facilitating the exchange of property and services among men are all within easy reach to those who have the patience to investigate them. The report of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that that officer has given some attention to the fundamental principles of the science with which he has to deal, but not enough to prevent him from falling into several serious errors. With one of these errors, which is hardly excusable in one in his position, we propose to deal.

The Comptroller argues that in any scheme for the restoration of specie payments a discrimination should be made between circulation and deposits so that the former may be redeemed at par in coin, and the latter be left as a matter of private contract between bankers and depositors, to be redeemed or not redeemed, as the parties shall agree among themselves. In announcing this novel idea he states that it does not meet the concurrence of the banks of the large Eastern cities; but he thinks that they are only a small part of the community, and that their views should not be permitted to override so important and beneficial a measure as the one which he proposes. If the Comptroller or some other learned functionary should devise a scheme to thaw out all the canals in the country, leaving the rivers and lakes to which they are tributary frozen up, as a method of keeping navigation open during the winter, there would probably be a similar dissent on the part of shippers and the business community.

The chief, if not the only, reason why a restoration of specie is desirable is that it will restore stability to the business of the country, and remove the element of chance and hap-hazard which is inseparable from a fluctuating currency. The sole function of money, whether it be in the form of coin or paper, or whether it be represented in checks, drafts, bills of exchange, or clearing-house certificates, is to facilitate the exchange of commodities or services, and it is only in the smaller transactions, such as retail trade, and the payment of wages, and the settlement of balances, that either coin or bank notes are ever used. The larger share of the business of this country, and of every civilized country, is transacted by means of these "deposits," whose presence seem to the Comptroller of the Currency so pernicious an obstacle to a specie resumption. The deposits of the National Banks on the 21 of October last amounted to over $400,000,000, to meet which they had a reserve of about $160,000,000 of "lawful money." What did these deposits consist of? They consisted of property in transit—of commodities going from the producer to the consumer. This property was represented by bills of exchange, drafts, acceptances, and what not, entered upon bank ledgers, so that the owners of the property, if they chose, could immediately draw the money which it had been sold for, leaving the banks to collect it from those to whom it had been sold. The profits of a bank are derived principally from the use of that excess of deposits which remains in its hands every day, over and above the portion immediately drawn out. The amount of actual money which a bank has is not necessarily the measure of its resources. Arbitrary acts of legislation may compel a bank to keep a certain percentage of its deposits in the form of lawful money. The wisdom of such legislation is more than doubtful, since it necessitates the locking up of capital irrespective of the demand in the community for its use. Mr. Bonamy Price, in his "Principles of Currency," shows that the average amount of money (bank notes and gold) kept by a leading London bank, selected at random from a large number of such institutions, is only 3 per cent of its deposits. The other 97 per cent consists of the written evidences of property passing between buyers and sellers.

To say that it would be of any use to restore specie payments as to circulation, without doing the same for deposits, is quite as absurd as to say that it would be beneficial for navigation to thaw out the small water courses and leave the large ones frozen up. If the object sought to be accomplished is the restoration of stability to business transactions, the end must be sought in the place where the business is, that is in the deposits of the banks. Moreover, it is impossible to restore specie payments as to circulation without at the same time restoring it as to deposits. If Comptroller Hulburd, who has a singular faculty for getting the cart before the horse, will resume specie as to the one, we will guarantee it as to the other, and we do not care how he goes about it.

LIFE INSURANCE.

While the Legislature is considering the general subject of insurance, there is one matter which requires some legislation. The New York Legislature, a year or two ago, amended the law of that State so that when a life insurance company has accepted and received three annual payments of premium from a policy-holder it is forever barred from objecting to paying the whole amount of said policy, because of any real or supposed mis-statement in the representations made by the assured upon which the policy was issued. The justice of this law is obvious. In 90 per cent of all cases of life insurance, the person insured takes out the policy upon the importunate solicitation of the company, through its agent, who is generally a bore of the largest calibre. The application is drawn up by the agent. The blank form is prescribed by the company. The questions are put by the agent and the doctor, who is also a salaried officer of the company, and they write down the answers. The company offers this agent a commission on all the premiums he can get. The agent, therefore, is hired to procure applications which will not be rejected. After having hunted his game down to the point of consenting to take out a policy, his reward depends upon so filling up the blank application that it shall be accepted. The company hires a physician who critically examines the applicant, and certifies to his freedom from lung or other diseases. This certificate is forwarded, the policy is issued, and the premium paid year after year. The company makes no further investigation; it treats the contract as complete. It receives the annual payments, and not until the man is dead does it set up a pretence that there was any omission or suppression of fact in the original application. The company then, perhaps, refuses to pay, because one of the applicant's relatives died of consumption, when the applicant said he did not know what was the cause of the relative's death; or because the applicant himself was consumptive when he said he did not think he was,—in which opinion he was confirmed by the examination of the company's surgeon. The company allege that he was a drunkard, when he said he was not; and so on through the entire catechism. In the meantime the person insured is dead, and his mouth closed to any evidence; the agent who wrote the application may have died, or gone away; the physician may have also departed. The company refuses to pay the widow or the children the money to secure which the husband may have sacrificed many comforts for himself and them. A suit becomes necessary. Here begins an unequal contest. To get counsel, the widow has to assign a large share of the claim. The company uses the money her husband paid on his policy to defeat her. It delays the case, takes it from court to court, and finally, if it cannot force her to take 20 or 30 per cent of the claim, when longer delay is impossible, the whole sum has been exhausted in legal expenses.

The New York law interposes and makes it the duty of the company, before the acceptance of the third annual payment—that is, within two years from the date of the policy—to investigate the facts of the application, or the same shall be considered as no longer open to contradiction. There is no injustice done to the company by this; it simply requires them to do business in a business-like manner, and prevents them from coming in after a man's death, alleging that he and the agent and surgeon of the company had committed a fraud. The time when the company should be precluded from disputing the truth of the statements on which they issued the policy might be limited to the receipt of the second payment of premium; but let the time be one, two or three years, there should be some limit.

A correspondent writes to us: "Carlyle was right. Why should a great city like Chicago, whose public libraries have always been beneath contempt, make the fire a pretext for sponging a library from British authors? The articles in the daily press upon the subject of a free library, although written with the best intentions, still have a twang of 'Long life to Your Honor!' and 'God bless your Reverence,' whenever, to encourage those who hold back, they praise the 'noble conduct' of such authors as have given. A library is a luxury, and a people in adversity has no right to beg for that which it was unwilling to pay for in prosperity."

The conclusions of our correspondent would be important if his premises were correct. The people of Chicago are not begging, much less sponging, a library from British authors. The movement on the part of those gentlemen was entirely unsolicited. They acted on their own motion, and their action was as generous and grateful as it was unexpected. The gift should be received in the spirit in which it is given. Any other form of acceptance, or any rejection, would be an insult to the donors. Our correspondent is also wrong in the supposition that the British authors are about to send us a library. It is the nucleus of a library only, and, if all the living British authors were to donate copies of their works, a comparatively small shelf would hold them. When these are received, we are still without the library; but we have the opportunity and the inducement for one. For this generous act, long life and God's blessings are at least proper and courteous.

ANDY JOHNSON ON THE SITUATION.

Andy Johnson is at his home in Greenville, Tenn., and may be daily seen in and about a country store kept in that place by his only surviving son. A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial* recently paid the ex-President a visit and found him pretty much the same sort of a being that he was when President. He has rather a poor opinion of men and things, and expresses his opinions very freely. He thus spoke of President Grant, for whom he has no more love than the law requires:

"Grant," said Mr. Johnson, as he gave the fire a vigorous poke, "Grant is entirely absorbed in self. He is bent on having another term, for he is making a fortune out of this office, and don't want to give it up. About four years more will finish his fortune if it don't the country. He is the first American President who ever tried the experiment of getting rich in office, and he wants to make it a success. It is humiliating to an intense degree to see the highest officer of our government grabbing for riches like a pawnbroker. If the country is to be afflicted with him another four years, it would be well to find out just how much money he wants, and make it up and give it to him. Let him set his figures, and let the people shell out the amount, and, if possible, stop the bribe-taking, gift-taking, office-selling, and horse-speculation propensities of this little whittler."

The ex-President, when he got off on politics, was equally emphatic. He expressed himself decidedly opposed to the Democracy nominating any Republican for President. He considers such a course as an ignominious surrender. He declared that there never was so great a need of the Democratic party as now, because "the constitution was to be saved." The correspondent thus reports what the ex-President said of Scott and Sumner:

"What do you think of Tom Scott as an available candidate?" I asked.

"I know Tom Scott very well," he replied, "and he is a clever gentleman, but it would be a nice piece of business for the Democracy to take him up. The very idea is supremely ridiculous. I am surprised that a Democratic paper of the standing of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* should even make such a suggestion, much less give it such feeble arguments, for all arguments in such a case must be feeble. What is the matter with the *Enquirer?*" he asked, with some impatience, as if it was a new thing that anything should be the matter with that great family journal.

I told him there was no answering that question.

"Well," he continued, "it would be pretty business, indeed, for all the fuss and clamor the Democracy has made about rings and monopolies, to take up a notorious ring master and monopolist and run him for President. That would be consistency, indeed!" And Mr. Johnson vigorously thrust the poker in the fire as a sort of an emphasis valve for his outraged feelings.

"Have you noticed that the Washington *Patriot* urges Charles Sumner as a suitable man for the Democrats to vote for?" I asked.

"Yes, I saw that, and it is even more absurd than the Tom Scott proposition. How the idea of the Democracy supporting Charles Sumner is too utterly preposterous to talk about. What sort of a victory would his election be? A victory for the democratic government? for State rights? for the constitution? or for what?"

Mr. Johnson paused for an answer, but the magnitude of the subject overwhelmed me, and I did not feel competent to give one.

"Now, mind you," he continued, "you see the Democracy walking up to the support of Mr. Sumner and his principles, you will see them going to their own destruction."

Ex-Congressman Stokes, recently accused of fraud upon the Treasury was discussed, and Johnson declared him an ignorant, unprincipled man,—who had committed crime in pure ignorance, having possibly never read the constitution or any statute of the United States in his life. Incidentally, he referred to the condition of things in Georgia, Bullock's flight, Tammany robbery, the frauds in the Methodist Book Concern, General Schenck's mining interests, Tennessee bank swindle, and the entire list of modern villainy, all wrong. Johnson proposes no remedy, though a blind man can see that, in his opinion, the country cannot be arrested in its downward tendency until it sends to Greenville, and sets Andrew Johnson again to the Chief Executive.

Among the miscellany of our last Sunday's issue was a piece of doggerel reciting the virtues and recording the melancholy death of a person by the name of "Jack Budge, of the Mud Scow Kate." The "poem" narrated how the hero, Mr. Budge, who was accustomed to

> —— mash his dad in the jaw
> And slap his mother's snoot,
> And lift the baby off its perch
> Black both their eyes to boot,

did, upon a certain occasion, save from destruction the mud scow Kate, by seizing the barometer which hung "on the binnacle mast," and holding it upside down so that the mercury could not sink toward the bulb and thus bring on the storm which threatened the celebrated craft to destruction. But the effort cost the life of the said Budge, and thereupon went straight to heaven, notwithstanding he was, by the poet's description, what would be called a hardened villain.

This disposition of the aforesaid Budge, together with the miserable slang in which the doggerel is cast, has caused much grief to a subscriber of THE TRIBUNE ("W. J. J."), who sees in it an evidence that his favorite newspaper is getting shaky in its theology. To relieve ourselves of this imputation, we wish to mention that the "poem" appears to have been written as a burlesque upon a style of literature which has become very prevalent of late in this country and England, and which is known as the "Police Literature." This style of literature is generally reprobated by pure-minded people for its coarseness as well as its heterodoxy. One piece of this Pike poetry has become so familiar to the reading public that it seemed as if everybody would recognize the story of "Jack Budge" as a very close imitation thereof, intended to bring out its objectionable points, and hold them up to public reprobation. The fact that "W. J. J." does not see the point, shows that he cannot have read "Jim Bludso, of the Prairie Belle."

The beef-packers of this city are very justly complaining of the injurious discrimination now being made against them, in favor of Kansas City, by all the railroads running East from this city, except the Michigan Central, the officers of which refused to join in the arrangement. Packed beef is now being carried from Kansas City, through Chicago, to New York for 70 cents per 100 lbs. Of this amount the roads east of Chicago receive 42 cents, while they charge 65 cents per 100 lbs on all the beef shipped from this city. When it is known that the ordinary profit on the operation of packing in Chicago is barely 10 cents per 100 lbs, it will be easily understood how this unjust discrimination of 22 cents per 100 is operating to the detriment of the business in Chicago to such an extent that while Kansas City has packed 50,000 cattle to date, this season, the beef-packing of Chicago has dwindled down to 15,000 head.

It is understood that a committee has been appointed, from among the leading beef-packers, to personally remonstrate against the further continuance of this enormous difference, which is especially odious just now, that the business of the city has suffered so severely from the recent fire.

The Committee on Municipalities of the Illinois House of Representatives has in charge a bill, introduced on Tuesday, by Mr Phelps, authorizing the city of Chicago to use, for general city purposes, the proceeds of any sale of the lake front property, instead of expending it for suburban parks, as now required by law. The requirement was one of doubtful propriety, even at the time the law was passed; but its unwisdom cannot now—since the city has taken land in asking—be for a moment questioned. The fact is, Chicago needs just one thing now—money; and, of all things which she does not want, nothing suggests itself as being less in demand than suburban parks. Besides, the restriction now imposed might operate, if not removed, against the consummation of a most desirable bargain, whereby the railroad facilities of the city can be greatly improved. If the committee in question have regard to the nearly unanimous wishes of Chicago business men and tax-payers, they will report back the bill of Mr. Phelps, with a favorable recommendation, at the very earliest opportunity.

It is probable that Congress will follow, with promptness the recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury, that all internal taxes be repealed except those on liquors, tobacco, and stamps. Indeed, the repeal would doubtless have been made last winter but for the opposition of the administration, now happily withdrawn. Of these, perhaps the most unreasonable and unjust is that on gas, which subjects every householder in cities where gas is used to a tax of six dollars a year, on the average, for light; this, in addition to the extortionate rates of the gas manufacturers and the manifold other dues which contribute to make city living, even in a comparatively humble style, so much more expensive than in the country. Not only this, but many branches of business, which have already contributed their quota of the tax on gross receipts, are again taxed, to the extent of hundreds of dollars yearly, on the light which they must necessarily consume. The case of morning newspapers affords a notable example of this hardship. A tax on light is not only a tax on comfort, but on knowledge. It is as much a relic of the middle ages as the old English tax on windows. Moreover, it is conspicuously unequal in its burdens. It has been endured too long already, and should be abolished at the earliest day practicable.

THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary of the Interior, in his annual report, devotes considerable space to the Indian question. He favors a continuation of the present policy. The present Indian population of the United States and Territories is about 325,000 of which 15,000 are in Alaska, and 2,063 in Florida, North Carolina, Indiana, Iowa, and Texas. Excluding these in Alaska, and those which have no tribe organizations, the number is 242,371. These Indians are on reservations of land amounting to 228,473 square miles, or 137,346,971 acres. Excluding the 53,476 in the Indian Territory, the remaining Indian population of 172,000 occupy 96,153,765 acres, or 558 acres per capita, of land capable of profitable cultivation. He advises the gathering of the whole 242,371 in the Indian Territory, where the land would equal 180 acres per capita of the population.

During the last year 10,805,792 acres of land were disposed of, of which 1,389,982 acres were sold for cash, and 4,660,826 taken under the Homestead laws. The cash receipts were $2,929,393.

The operations of the Patent Office show an increase of revenue, and make a satisfactory exhibit.

The number of revolutionary pensioners decreased 93 during the year, and of other wars prior to the rebellion 72. The number of pensions granted in the year was 17,000, and 9,561 were dropped, leaving on the rolls 207,498, calling for $22,804,994 annually. The amount paid during the year, including salaries, was $31,677,381, of which $8,779,387 was for pensions are pending, of which 31,943 are from survivors and representatives of soldiers of the war of 1812. The Secretary estimates that these pensions, when granted, will call for in all $13,629,359 during their continuance; $30,480,000 are asked for pensions for the next year.

The reports of the Census Superintendent and of the Commissioner of Education are commended. The Secretary states that he will proceed about January 1 to apportion representation in Congress, unless that body shall in the meantime otherwise provide.

The exhibit of the affairs of the Union Pacific Railway is interesting, and shows the following:

INSELCTION OF THE WARDS.

Subscriptions to capital stock	$ 36,762,500
Subscriptions paid up	36,762,500
Receipts of all kinds	29,102,915
Cost of road, including fixtures	113,753,618
Total indebtedness	74,455,512
Due the United States	27,236,512

The condition of the Central Pacific Railway is thus stated:

Subscriptions to capital stock	$ 29,611,000
Subscriptions paid up	24,287,120
Receipts	3,226,200
Expenses	3,745,766
Net earnings	1,580,434
Total indebtedness	71,450,792
Due to the United States	27,851,000

The condition of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company is thus stated:

Stock authorized	$100,000,000
Stock paid up	2,511,600
Expenses to June 30, 1871	4,426,971
Indebtedness	5,085,170

The Secretary makes a report of the operations of the Hospital for the Insane, the Inebriate Reformatory, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum, and Jail and Reform School, all in the District of Columbia.

THE RELIEF WORK.

Official Statement of the Relief and Aid Society—Over Fourteen Thousand Families Receiving Aid at the Present Time.

The Relief and Aid Society, through its Division Superintendents, is enabled to lay before the public the following statement, showing the number of families who are daily drawing rations from the Society's stores:

FIRST DISTRICT.	
Number of families aided November 25	3,356
Number of families added during the week ending December 2	995
Total	4,342
Number of families to whom aid was discontinued during the week ending December 2	226
Leaving families aided December 2	4,116
SECOND DISTRICT.	
Number of families aided November 25	2,426
Number of families added during the week ending December 2	283
Total	2,709
Number of families to whom aid was discontinued during the week ending December 2	1,111
Leaving number of families aided December 2	2,047
THIRD DISTRICT.	
Number of families aided November 25	2,491
Number of families added during the week ending December 2	45
Total	2,536
Number of families to whom aid was discontinued during the week ending December 2	693
Leaving number of families aided December 2	2,003
FOURTH DISTRICT.	
Number of families aided November 25	2,050
Number of families added during the week ending December 2	141
Total	2,200
Number of families to whom aid was discontinued during the week ending December 2	783
Leaving number of families aided December 2	1,467
FIFTH DISTRICT.	
Number of families aided November 25	2,294
Number of families added during the week ending December 2	983
Total	3,277
Number of families to whom aid was discontinued during the week ending December 2	191
Leaving number of families aided December 2	3,086
SIXTH DISTRICT.	
Number of families aided November 25	306
Number of families added during the week ending December 2	47
Total	353
Number of families to whom aid was discontinued during the week ending December 2	242
Leaving number of families aided December 2	111
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Washington Park barracks	316
Washington street barracks	140
Harrison street and Centre avenue barracks	227
Cheyenne avenue barracks	214
Total	897
Grand total	14,833
RECAPITULATION.	
District No. 1	4,197
District No. 2	2,047
District No. 3	2,003
District No. 4	1,467
District No. 5	3,086
District No. 6	111
Barracks	897
Total	14,833
Decrease during the week ending December 2, in number of families aided	589

REAL ESTATE.

Instruments Filed for Record on Tuesday, December 6.

CITY PROPERTY.

State st, 48 ft s of Thirty-fourth st, s f, 48x125 ft, dated Oct. 19; consideration, $6,000.

N 1-2 of Lot 6 in Block 2, Bond's Addition on n w 1-4 Sec. 23, 39, 13, being 23x125 ft; dated Oct. 4; consideration, $800.

N 1-2 of Lot 6 in Block 2, Bond's Addition in n w 1-4 Sec. 23, 39, 13, being 23x125 ft; dated Dec. 5; consideration, $800.

Hawthorn av, 106 ft n of Short st, w f, 150x125 ft, dated Nov. 8, 1870, consideration, $3,500.

Canal st, 50 ft s of Mitchell st, e f, 25x100 ft, dated Oct. 12; consideration, $5,000.

Lots 8 and 9 in Walker's s 1-2 and n w 1-4 of Block 11, in s 1-2 Sec. 21, 39, 14; also Lot 45 in Block 7 in Eberhart and Wenge's re-lot of s w 1-4 Sec. 9, 38, 14, dated Nov. 24; consideration, $3,500.

Lots 11 to 16 inc, Chapman's subdivision of Lots 25 and 26 in Block 1 of Graves' re-lot of Sec. 24, 39, 13, being on Colfax av, near Thirty-second st, dated Nov. 1; consideration, $20,000.

Hurlbut st, between Ogden av and Northw'n r r, 12x70 ft, with buildings, dated Nov. 22; consideration, $2,200.

Lot 4 in Wilson re-subdivision of Lots 1 to 33 of s 1-2 Block 56, Sec. 28, 40, 14, dated Nov. 27; consideration, $2,600.

Lot 10, between Gurley and Polk sts, w 25x124 ft, dated Dec. 1; consideration, $3,500.

Shuffle st, between Polk and Fairley sts, w f, 25x124 ft, dated Oct. 30; consideration, $2,250.

East 21x110 ft of Lot 27, in Hamilton's s acres in s 1-2, w of 1-4 Sec. 6, 38, 14, dated Sept. 23; consideration, $1,000.

West 8 2-3 ft of Lot 27, and s 13 1-3 ft of Lot 26, being 37x110 ft in Hamilton's s acres, in s 1-2 of s 1-4 Sec. 6, 38, 14, dated Sept. 23; consideration, $600.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 7, in Block 25, of Egandale, dated Sept. 23; consideration, $11,500.

Lot 3, in Block 25, of Egandale, except that part conveyed to Park Commissioners, dated Sept. 26; consideration, $14,000.

Lot 1, in Block 25, of Egandale, dated Sept. 23; consideration, $10,000.

Lot 4, in Block 25, of Egandale, dated Sept. 25; consideration, $10,000.

Lot 61, in Larned & Plumb's s e 1-4 of Sec 9, 38, 14, dated April 5; consideration, $300.

Lot 5, of Lots 29 and 61, of Original Town of Brighton, dated Dec 5; consideration, $400.

—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railroad was held at Port Huron (Mich.) on the 30th ult. The following gentlemen were elected a Board of Directors for the coming year: Isaac Cole, Bankinger; Alfred Taylor, Flint; Edgar White, Port Huron; W. H. Bancroft, Port Huron; W. K. Muir, Hamilton, Ont; Jos. Price, Hamilton, Ont.; W. F. Drake, New York. The same board elected the following gentlemen as officers: President, W. H. Bancroft; Treasurer, Edgar White; Secretary, E. B. Taylor.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Visit of Inspection to the County Hospital.

Reports of the Warden of the Insane Asylum and County Superintendent of Schools.

Congress Requested to Refund the County War Debt.

Reduction of Salaries of Employes of the County.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Cook County Commissioners, the following members of the Board assembled at the Cook County Hospital, yesterday morning: Commissioners White Jones, Crawford, Lonergan, Talcott, Roelle, and Herting. On arriving there, General White and the members mentioned were met by the Warden of the hospital, Mr. Reynolds, who inquired how many would be present to dinner, and proffered, cordially, the hospitalities of the hospital.

General White intimated that the Board of Supervisors was out of existence, and that the hour of meeting of the Commissioners was 2 o'clock. He therefore declined the invitation.

REMARKS OF MR. WHITE.

While awaiting the arrival of other members of the board, the Chairman, General White, made a few observations. He said the hospital was built fifteen years ago, when the locality was essentially suburban. The property on which it was built belonged to the city, who loaned it to the county, in exchange for the Reform School grounds. The situation of the hospital now, in the centre of the city, was a matter that deserved attentive consideration. It was true that the central position was of great value in cases of emergency, such as accidents, where immediate attention was of the highest importance, and where life was prolonged for some hours in cases where, but for timely assistance, death would follow immediately. But he wished the board to watch against the danger necessity, to many of the patients, of extreme quiet and healthy air. In its present situation the noise of the cars passing on the railroad track ran on two sides of it, and perfect quiet could not be obtained under the circumstances. The hospital had now 1,000 patients, and at present contained 165, the male wards being considerably overcrowded.

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pointed out the lack of any provision for insane patients awaiting an examination before the courts. The absence of accommodations for patients suffering from *delirium tremens* also was a serious drawback. Cases of the latter description were coming in as often as once a month, and frequently once in the latter. Very recently a man had been brought to the hospital, who in some drunken manner had broken his leg. He had been in hospital a few hours only when he had an attack of *delirium tremens*, yelling and shouting in such a way that his removal to an up stair room was rendered necessary. Here he died. The number of insane had given him instructions not to admit patients suffering from *delirium tremens*, but in cases like the above he had no choice.

INSPECTION OF THE WARDS.

After a little more conversation as to the capacity of the building and the extent of the ground, the board proceeded to inspect the wards. Everything was in neat order, the floors bright and clean, and everything indicative of care and attendant. So far the members of the board appeared to be satisfied, but were very reticent as to their opinions.

THE PURCHASE OF DRUGS.

While inspecting the wards General White propounded some questions to Dr. Emmons, late Chairman of the Hospital Committee of the Board of Supervisors, for the purpose of eliciting information, and fixing a scale of fees for each class for the aforesaid, and to provide for mode of rendering their services. The bill classifies counties, viz: First, containing 30,000; second, over 20,000 and not exceeding 30,000; third, exceeding 20,000.

CIRCUIT CLERKS.

Fees, capias, subpœna, or other process not herein enumerated—1, 50 cents; 2, 75 cents; 3, 95 cents; 5d, 10 cents. But one subpœna to be charged for every four witnesses, unless actually issued for more than four names.

For filing each paper in progress of suit, excepting appeals from Justices of Peace's appeal bond, pleas, or replications, 5 cents; 2, 8 cents; 3, 10 cents.

Docketing each suit—1, 10 cents; 2, 15 cents; 3, 15 cents.

Bond for costs, approving and filing same—1, 10 cents; 2, 15 cents; 3, 15 cents.

Issuing and opening each deposition—1, 5 cents; 2, 8 cents; 3, "nothing."

Docketing each suit—1, 10 cents; 2, 8 cents; 3, 5 cents.

Entering orders, rule, for continuance, default, to plead, or any order actually entered—1, 20 cents; 2, 25

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

Annual Report of the Postmaster General.

Recommendations of the Department---Recommendations for the Future.

The annual report of Postmaster General Cresswell briefly documental, but we present the portions which possess general interest.

The gross revenues of this department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871, were $20,037,-[illegible] the expenditures of all kinds, $24,200,-[illegible] for the year ending June 30, 1870, the ordinary expenditures, including the amount of deficiency supplied as postal receipts from the general treasury for the payment of transportation, were $18,879,277.55; for 1871 (including the amount of deficiency transferred), were $22,-[illegible] an increase of revenue for the year of [illegible] per cent, showing a net increase over the preceding year of $116,401.32. The gross increase of expenditures, for the same period, was $1,320,922.45, or 15 per cent, showing a net increase of expenditures for 1871 over 1870 of $1,204,521.13, or 5.41 per cent more than the increase of revenue for 1871, compared with the increase for 1870, compared with 1869.

The decline in the ordinary revenues, the decrease of $500,000 appropriated for the transportation of free matter and the increased expenditures for subsidies to steamships will appear that the deficiency in the revenue for the present fiscal year will be [illegible] Finally he [illegible] the sacrifice, but not what [illegible] was indignant. And [illegible] and Hoboken did the [illegible] studies of philosophers, a life of conventual devotion [illegible] the world, so thwarted [illegible] up a building of stone and [illegible] appropriately, and [illegible] never brilliant [illegible] intellectual boldness [illegible] students and his [illegible] young ascended his [illegible]

[illegible] of St. Bernard, whose [illegible] and individuals per cent [illegible] Abelard gave up [illegible] charge of the [illegible] whose monks were [illegible] They spent their days in [illegible] to defend with a sword [illegible] even to repose, but [illegible] Therefore, while respect [illegible] and that all succeed [illegible] by pity and sympathy [illegible] to all laws human and [illegible] of love was not yet established [illegible] self-sacrificing [illegible] apparently unknown [illegible] position. She sat [illegible] to permit her to [illegible] even to repose, but [illegible] Abelard [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Silurian Marble.

MENOMINEE, Mich., Nov. 29.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

I notice that my letter in relation to the Silurian marble as a building material recently published in THE TRIBUNE, has already attracted considerable attention, as it could hardly fail to do in a newspaper of the extensive circulation that THE TRIBUNE has; and I have already received letters of inquiry about it, not alone from Chicago, but from other places. I find that some think that I placed the figures too low as to the cost of transportation, more particularly as to the cost of shipment on the lakes. As to that, I do not deem it material; for, if the cost should exceed that of brick, yet, if the city could be built of a material fire-proof, and, at the same time, equal in beauty to the best marble, it would be preferable to all other materials now known. I am satisfied that it can be delivered in Chicago as cheap as brick; and that walls built of it will be preferable, in every point of view, to brick.

My object in writing was not so much to bring it to notice as to cheapness, but that the public of Chicago might know that they had, almost at their own doors, the best rock for building purposes in the world; and that it might be procured without excessive cost. But, admitting that it would cost $64 per cord of 128 cubic feet, which is a fraction less than the cost of an equal number of cubic feet of brick at $10 per M., would the cost be excessive? Let the figures show. We will take for an example a building 50 by 80, six stories high, each story 12 feet, or 72 feet in height. Let the walls be 18 inches thick, as they should be; call one-half the front solid stone-work; allow one-half the side-walls to be charged to the adjoining buildings, as they would be in solid blocks; and we have in the form of silurian marble for the solid walls of a building 50 by 80, six stories high, which, at $64 per cord, would amount to $7,586, as I figure at Chicago, to $5,686. But the laying of this rock would cost less than that of brick, which should be placed to its credit. The rock could be squared of exact thickness for the walls, and in length of 8 feet or upward, as most convenient to handle. It could be so quarried that, for side and back-end walls, no great expense would be required to dress the walls, and those walls could receive their finish directly on the face of the wall,—thus saving the expense of lathing, and, at the same time, saving the use of a combustible material in case of a fire within the building. If to such a building were added iron beams and floors, the floors laid with concrete and double blinds to doors and windows, any fire that could ever occur on the outside of such building could not destroy it, and a fire inside would only burn it to the room in which it originated, like the interior of a furnace. It is an admitted fact that no building can be fire-proof with wooden roofs, floors, and single blinds to the windows; but, even with these defects, if the walls were built of from 16 inches thick of this material, and the wood-work and combustible material should burn out, the walls would remain standing, and thus prove a bulwark against further progress of the fire, all which would have been of the least vital importance to gain in the recent conflagration. Had one single street from the South Branch to the lake shore been built of this material, with the great fire, the fire companies could have worked behind it, and have there stopped the progress of the conflagration. Any building material, which can be procured at any price, that will save the city from another conflagration, will be cheap. It is not the loss of the building alone at such a time, but the greater loss of other property, and the loss of life, and great suffering and misery, which are to be considered in making up the sum total in such a disaster.

S. F. SEXTON, Esq., of this place, has now gone up the river to the quarries, and will bring down some blocks of this marble, and will forward specimens to Chicago to be put in a forward place, where it may be seen by the people who have an interest in rebuilding Chicago in a style that will not only be proof against future conflagrations, but, will, at the same time, make her one of the finest and best built cities in the world. There can be little doubt but that, when it is seen by builders, they will concede that all I have said about it as a building rock is correct, and that this is the material from which the new Chicago should be constructed. Yours truly,

E. S. INGALLS.

Echo of "A Woman's Wail."

PEKIN, Ill., Dec. 4.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: In your columns of December 2 I have just been reading "A Woman's Wail." I heartily sympathize with the writer, as I have often had the same occasion to be "driven" that is the cause of her indignation. Her ideas of the "providence" in the late fire differ somewhat from mine; yet I have hoped it would cause a reform in dress—at least in church and street attire.

I live many miles from Chicago; yet your city extends an influence here, in regard to fashions, almost as tyrannical as within its own limits (as every city within an hundred miles of Chicago can bear witness); and if seems necessary that the reform should commence there.

The writer says: "If women want to show good sense, why don't they show wisdom with it?"

Why don't they? Because there are none—no, not one—of whom they know it right. It is a fact of derision from the folly-followers. Thousands of sensible ladies are within the sound of my voice (and in this city); but they ought to go.

Will "One of the Unfortunate" look at the style of dress of the greatest women of to-day—those great in intellect, in good sense, in good works, and great in the respect and admiration of intelligent people of the civilized world, and she will see that each one adopts a style of dress to suit his own convenience (and the convenience of every woman—I am not speaking of defects). She will not see frills, or flounces, tedious tricks, or tremendous trails, but a comfortable, convenient dress,—comfortable, because it is not too low at the top; convenient, because it is not too low at the bottom. And who even thinks of sinning at these women.

The "wail" proves that it comes from a woman of good sense, and she has a good deal of "show wisdom with it" as any other woman; but, like myself, she has been too prone to "wait" over the evil. Now, Mr. Editor, I will venture to whisper one word in her ear:

We have been taught that, as distinct individuals, we must answer for our "sins of omission and commission;" disobedience to the laws of of fashion is not mentioned. As it is the duty of each woman to take care of her health (the comfort, does she not sin when she fails to do it? If we wear dresses that disable, and in doing so, injure our health, do we not suffer the penalty? And if, thereby, we hurry ourselves "over the river" before our work (the work laid out by the Master) is half finished, who but our own *sisters* have to account for it? At the last, then, we shall have to be dependent; why not commence to cultivate that excellent trait of character at once? Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you;" and, as you would like some other lady to set an example, by wearing a dress on the street that is not fit for street wear, set she an example yourself, and be ruled by your own sense and wisdom (women have good sense), and the reform is wished, and I will do the same—hoping we may be benefited, if others are not. Yours,

A SYMPATHIZER.

Chicago and the Minnesota Trade.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 30.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Allow me to say to the merchants of Chicago, through your valuable paper, that St. Louis is making a desperate effort in this Northwestern trade,—advertising extensively; and sending her men up here, telling the merchants that Chicago is *dead*, that her merchants are going to other cities to do business, and other defamatory assertions, not-to-credit, for making reasons to resort to, and more especially when Chicago is in her deep calamity. But I find little sympathy is given to these parties, who are trying to keep down, instead of helping, a sister city in distress. The St. Louis merchants have been made to sell goods at as reasonable prices, for the past few years, by the Chicago men who have traversed their "hunting grounds," and now *they* think it is a favorable opportunity to revenge themselves at Chicago's expense. The merchants of Chicago would do well to their advertising at home and abroad, that the country dealers may know that they can again supply themselves with all kinds of merchandize in a short time as well as before the fire; that Chicago's merchandize and buildings were burned, *but her men still live and her enterprise is not blotted out.* J. W. BROOKS.

The Globe Insurance Company.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Having noticed an advertisement in your paper for some days, reading "Globe Insurance Company, Room 1, No. 63 Canal street," I have been there many times during the past few days, in proper business hours, but have been unable, as yet, to find any representative of the company; and, on inquiring for their office, was directed to a vacant spot in the corner of the room. Now, if this thing is not a hoax, and the Globe Company really means business, will Mr. Walker, President, or Mr. Bulley, or some other man, rise and explain; and, if they have an office or office-hours, let it be known either through THE TRIBUNE or by posting in the room they advertise as their office. By giving these few lines space in your valuable paper, you will greatly oblige one of the UNFORTUNATE.

The Utah Tin Mines.

The New York *Journal of Commerce* does not think much of the wonderful tin mines that we are told are turning up in Utah, for effect in Wall street and in London. How the agony is worked up is thus set forth:

"Well, Professor, how much gold do you find in these specimens?"

"I have analyzed them carefully—some fifty pounds in all, and I am sorry to say—no good."

"Where! you don't say so—not a particle?"

"Absolutely none."

"Ah, I see, it's all silver ore after all. Well, how much silver?"

"Yes, there was silver, but only a trace—perhaps a grain to the ton."

"Confound it, there must be *something* in the ore. It's as heavy as lead."

"There's lead in it."

"Ah! lead; now we're getting down to hardpan. I'll stock it for a lead mine."

"Sorry to say, my dear sir, but the lead is less than an eighth of one per cent."

"Thunder and blazes—what is the stuff anyhow?"

"About ten per cent iron."

(With a desperate laugh)—"Then it shall be an iron mine. It might be worse."

"Not much. No excuse me for speaking the truth. But the sulphur wholly spoils it for working. Your specimens are mostly iron pyrites."

(Cast down but not dismayed)—"Then I'll bring it out as a sulphur mine. Can't beat me, professor.

"A painful duty, but I must tell you that would not pay either. The natural product can be imported cheaper than you can mine it."

(A pause to reflect)—"That is bad, but ha! I have it. It shall be a gold mine after all. Stock company—capital $1,000,000—$500,000 for directors—borrowed specimens to show in New York." (Enterprising actor hides his hot eyes with his hands and rushes wildly into the street.)

A Curious Document—The Contract with La Fayette.

In overhauling the old documents in the Treasury Department recently the following agreement made between our government and the Marquis de la Fayette was brought to light. It is interesting in itself, and as showing how great a mistake was required short contracts, only in our early history:

Agreement of Monsieur de la Fayette.

The desire evinced by the Marquis de la Fayette of serving in the armies of the United States of North America, the interest which he takes in the justice of their cause, and wishing for an opportunity of distinguishing himself in war, and of rendering himself useful to the extent of his ability; but not concealing from himself, that he may be unable to obtain the consent of his family to his serving in foreign countries, or to cross the ocean, unless he shall go there in quality of a General officer. I believe it reasonable before I leave my country, and as a testimony with my power to grant commissions, thus in conferring on him, in the name of the Most Honorable Congress the rank of Major General, for which, I pray, the States will confirm, ratify, and promptly license a commission, for him to expand and hold the rank, from this day on, which belongs to a general officer of the same grade.

His high birth, his connexions, the honorable titles which his family enjoy at this court, his very considerable wealth in this kingdom, his personal merits, his firmness, his disinterestedness, and, above all, his zeal for the liberty of our provinces, have alone induced me to promise him the above rank of Major General, in the name of the United States.

In testimony of which I have signed these presents.

Done at Paris, 7th December, 1776.

SILAS DEANE.

Under the above conditions I offer my services, and promise to take my departure at this time and in the manner which shall appear most suitable to Mr. Deane to serve the United States with all the zeal in my power, without any pay or special allowance, reserving to myself only the liberty of returning to Europe when my family or my king shall recall me.

Done at Paris, 7th December, 1776.

(Signed) LE MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE.

HEAVY EMBEZZLEMENT.

The Chancellor of the Swiss Exchequer Accused of Fraudulent Practices.

From the Swiss Times.

A case is about to be tried before the Criminal Court of Bern, which excites throughout the country quite as much interest as the revision of the constitution. The prisoner is no less a person than the Federal Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he is charged with having appropriated to his own use a sum of 500,000 francs, the property of the Confederation. M. Eggimann was appointed Caissier Federal some ten years ago, and was always looked upon as being a man of sterling honesty and great ability, and as he was also possessed of considerable private property, he naturally took a very high position in Bern. Unfortunately, some two years ago he became bitten with the mania for speculation, which has been the ruin of so many persons during the last few years, and as he had the whole funds of the Confederation in his hands, while his accounts were only audited every three months, it was only necessary for him to take care that he had the correct amount in the Federal chest when the auditors made their examination. He did not commence operations in his own name, as that would have excited remark, but he joined a firm at Bern, the leading member of which was a M. Muralt, the Alsatian Director of the Banque Commerciale. With the funds provided by Eggimann, this firm catered into a series of the wildest speculations, which finally ended in disaster, with no exception, unsuccessful. Having once, however, begun the desperate game, Eggimann was obliged to continue it, trusting that each fresh venture would enable him to recover what he had lost. Early in the present year the firm, counting upon the continuance of the war, bought up great quantities of corn, but when the time for delivery and payment came they found that they were heavy losers, owing to the price having fallen considerably when the peace was signed. Up to this time Eggimann had been able to replace the sums he had drawn from the Federal chest, principally by accepting bills, which were discounted by Muralt, as Managing Director of the Commercial Bank—the money, after the bills had been presented, being transmitted to Muralt, who then withdrew the bills. This system went on very well so long as Eggimann's credit remained good; but instead of continuing his profits simply and unostentatiously, as the members of the government invariably do in Switzerland, he began to give expensive balls and suppers, had his box at the theatre, took frequent trips to the German baths; and altogether acted as though he were possessed of unlimited resources, instead of the funds provided by Muralt unnaturally, a good deal of comment; and although nothing definite was known, people began to talk of the Federal Treasury with some amount of reserve, one of the unpleasant consequences of which was that the Directors of the Commercial Bank refused to discount his bills any longer, a few days afterward Muralt left Bern, accompanied by the good wishes of all who knew him, but this state of feeling did not last long. The new Managing Director immediately entered on his duties, had the books of the bank carefully examined, and very soon the true state of affairs began to be discovered, though the ingenious manner in which he had managed to confuse the accounts it was some days before the amount of Muralt's defalcations was discovered. When Muralt's conduct became known, Eggimann's position grew very critical, for every one knew that he and Muralt had been engaged in heavy speculations together, and consequently people now began to regard him with grave suspicion. Muralt, after his flight became known the government ordered Eggimann's accounts to be investigated, when a deficiency of over 500,000 francs was discovered. The position of the government was an exceedingly difficult one. The next morning, while the Treasurer was at breakfast, two officers entered his room, and informed him of the charge preferred against him. These attacks were renewed until Price fell from exhaustion and loss of blood, and, as he cried and begged for mercy in a terrible agony, Parker took a fence rail and, uttering a fearful curse, struck his victim, already nearly dead, a blow on the head, felling him to the ground. He never even groaned afterward. All this time Gilmer stood by a willing, if not an active, accomplice. When Price's body was discovered next morning it presented a terrible sight. The flesh was entirely gone from one of the legs, and the bones of the leg were not only broken, but entirely separated. Large shreds of flesh and bloody rags attested the horrible nature of the murder, which created the greatest indignation among the good Quaker people of this county. On the 28th of October William B. Parker was executed on a scaffold erected over the landing of a stairway in the jail building, for his abettors, made a full confession of his guilt, but he stated the dogs were altogether to blame for Price's death. His expression was that "they done it independent," and that he "kept them from eatin' him." The scaffold has been torn down, and the final preparations for the execution of Alfred Gilmer, aged 70 years, who was convicted five weeks ago, were completed today, the gallows upon which William B. Parker, the principal murderer, was executed on the 28th of October, was again erected over the landing of the stairway within the jail building, and the same hangman's halter hung dangling over the fatal trap. A crowd of curious observers had assembled to witness the awful tragedy, and the condemned man had resigned himself to spiritual devotion, pleading for mercy to the awful tribunal which all must appear before. Reporters of the press were present to note the last scenes and incidents of the tragedy which would make the second execution. Then the footbridge and they were at once arrested and imprisoned, and the evidence that was afterward adduced, both before the examining magistrate and the final trial, disclosed a most diabolical and horrible deed. It appears that while the murdered man, was accused by Parker with having burned his barn, and, satisfied in his own mind of Price's guilt, he proceeded to take the law into his own hands and execute summary vengeance. Having first obtained a supply of whiskey, with which to render his force of assistants more potent, he pressed into his service Alfred Gilmer as his accomplice, and, after stating to him his purpose, he called to their mutual aid some half dozen ferocious-looking bloodhounds.

It was toward the hour of midnight when Parker and Gilmer with the pack of hounds went to the cabin occupied by Price. The murderers took poor Price out in the cold wintry night and dragged him some distance to a fence corner. Here Parker began his fiendish work. The dogs, already savage with hunger, smang repeatedly upon their victim before he was surrendered to their brutal attacks. Then Parker let Price go and set the dogs upon him. The poor wretch ran, but soon the hounds were upon him, their teeth buried in his flesh, and this was repeated until his arms and body were torn and bleeding in a fearful manner. Then the latter would recall the dogs, rendered bloodthirsty, and again set them upon the unfortunate man. These attacks were renewed until Price fell from exhaustion and loss of blood, and, as he cried and begged for mercy in a terrible agony, Parker took a fence rail and, uttering a fearful curse, struck his victim, already nearly dead, a blow on the head, felling him to the ground. He never even groaned afterward. All this time Gilmer stood by a willing, if not an active, accomplice. When Price's body was discovered next morning it presented a terrible sight. The flesh was entirely gone from one of the legs, and the bones of the leg were not only broken, but entirely separated. Large shreds of flesh and bloody rags attested the horrible nature of the murder, which created the greatest indignation among the good Quaker people of this county. On the 28th of October William B. Parker was executed on a scaffold erected over the landing of a stairway in the jail building, for his abettors, made a full confession of his guilt, but he stated the dogs were altogether to blame for Price's death. His expression was that "they done it independent," and that he "kept them from eatin' him." The scaffold has been torn down, and the final preparations for the execution of Alfred Gilmer, aged 70 years, who was convicted five weeks ago, were completed today, the gallows upon which William B. Parker, the principal murderer, was executed on the 28th of October, was again erected over the landing of the stairway within the jail building, and the same hangman's halter hung dangling over the fatal trap. A crowd of curious observers had assembled to witness the awful tragedy, and the condemned man had resigned himself to spiritual devotion, pleading for mercy to the awful tribunal which all must appear before. Reporters of the press were present to note the last scenes and incidents of the tragedy which would make the second execution. Then the footbridge and they were at once arrested and imprisoned, and the evidence that was afterward adduced, both before the examining magistrate and the final trial, disclosed a most diabolical and horrible deed. It appears that while the murdered man, was accused by Parker with having burned his barn, and, satisfied in his own mind of Price's guilt, he proceeded to take the law into his own hands and execute summary vengeance. Having first obtained a supply of whiskey, with which to render his force of assistants more potent, he pressed into his service Alfred Gilmer as his accomplice, and, after stating to him his purpose, he called to their mutual aid some half dozen ferocious-looking bloodhounds.

Sheriff nervously awaited the hour to carry out the dread fiat of the law. Even a guard was summoned to keep order among the boisterous crowd without, while the solemn and terrible ceremony of death was being performed within. Such was the proximity of the criminal to death when it was announced that a further respite of two weeks had just arrived by special messenger from the Governor of the State, and Alfred Gilmer was again rescued from the gallows.

The Sheriff, relieved from the execution of so terrible a duty, informed the condemned man, who shed tears and fervently thanked the Almighty for the extension of mercy. It is now believed that, owing to the extreme age of Gilmer, his sentence will be commuted to imprisonment for life in the Penitentiary.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

Dr. Norman Macleod on Her Majesty's Health.

GLASGOW (Nov. 17) Despatch to the *London News*.

This afternoon, after the ceremony of cutting the first sod of the ground on which the Barony Lunatic Asylum at Lenzie, near Kilsagna, is to be built, the health of the Queen was proposed, and enthusiastically responded to. In proposing "The other members of [the Royal Family," the Chairman (Mr. Menzies) requested that the Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod, Queen's Chaplain, to reply to the toast, and to give them some information about the state of Her Majesty's health. The reverend gentleman, in respondmg, said: "I had no intention whatever of making any remarks about Her Majesty. I think this is the first time I have done it in public; but as the Chairman has called upon me so pointedly to confirm his statements, I beg, having just returned from Balmoral, to say that I am very glad to unite with my friends here in drinking to the health of the royal family; but I trust Providence has given me such an amount of common sense as not to presume to return thanks for them. As you have alluded to the Queen's health in connection with some information I have given you, I beg to say this, and to say it emphatically, that what is meant by Her Majesty's having been morally or mentally incapacitated for any work I leave to Mr. Disraeli to explain, for I cannot comprehend it. I have had the honor, in the providence of God, of ministering to Her Majesty, in public and private, for the last thirteen or fourteen years; I have seen her in every variety of circumstance, from the highest prosperity and happiness which any married woman, not by speak a Queen, could enjoy, and also in the depth of her distress, I declare most solemnly, I have never, in the greatest privacy and in the most intimate communion that a subject or a clergyman can have, heard one word uttered, or one sentiment expressed, which did not redound to the dignity of Majesty, both as Queen and as a woman; I have never seen the remotest trace of any moral or mental weakness, but I have seen in every instance, and at the last moment, remarkable evidence of moral and mental strength and capacity. I am very glad to say that from the severest attack of neuralgia and rheumatic gout (which has so affected her hands that for a time she was utterly unable even to sign her name) she has completely recovered. I have never seen her in better spirits and stronger in mind than she is at present. At the same time I can fear from saying that she has recovered her strength so as to be able to do more than she is doing. Indeed, I am certain; that the Queen has done all that her nervous energy permitted her to do; for I know that she has sometimes suffered more than those around her imagined. A secretary declined to allow it to be published, stating that it was only right that high official of the government who, through illness, was prevented from attending to business, should be allowed to furnish it; he said that, if not withheld, "it would exercise a most disastrous influence upon the country at the election."

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COUNT BEUST.

The Austrian Diplomatist on His Recent Resignation, and His Policy in the Past.

Count Beust sent a circular, in French, on the 10th inst., to the representatives of Austria abroad, announcing his retirement from office. In this circular he says that the Emperor had relieved him of the functions in the most gracious manner, and appointed him Ambassador to London; that the causes of his resignation are of a purely personal character, in no way connected with either the home or foreign policy of the monarchy. Called to power on the morrow of a catastrophe which had imperilled the existence of the empire, Count Beust says he hastened to draw up a ministerial scheme based on the act of the 1st of November, 1865, the programme by means of which he hoped to triumph over the difficulties, home and foreign, which the pessimism at that time prevailing among all classes of the population had represented as insurmountable. He has remained faithful to that programme; the fixing of peace which he displayed without prejudice and without secret rancor, after the unfortunate battle of Sadowa, he has firmly held on high without fear and without reproach, and that flag was the protection of Austria amid the vicissitudes of a gigantic struggle for the life of the forces, and disturbed the basis of the European equilibrium. "The honor of the monarchy confided to my care," adds the circular, "has remained safe in my hands; even my adversaries render me that justice. Reconciled with our nearest neighbors, yesterday our enemies, to-day our friends, we are at peace with all the world, and our voice is listened to with respect in the deliberations of Europe. . . . We have been able to devote ourselves with entire confidence to the development of the immense resources wi h which Providence has endowed this country, and unexampled prosperity has been the result of our efforts. Upon the basis of the arrangement concluded under my auspices with Hungary, we have at the same time been able to reform and completeo our fundamental laws; we have been able to place in conformity with the exigencies of our own day the ties that unite our old monarchy with the various nationalities, which more than ever feel that their strength is in their union. However imperfect, like every human work, may be the constitution which unites us, it has just displayed its salutary and vivifying force in a crisis which we have recently passed through successfully. I can, therefore, leave with a clear conscience to my successor the results of a policy, at once conciliatory and just, which the Emperor had entrusted me with, and which was unanimously approved by the delegates of his people in their session. The task of my successor will be easier than mine. He finds the path not only opened, but smoothed, and if he but follow it, obeying the recommendations of our gracious master, he will one day quit the helm of affairs with the same satisfaction that I experience at this moment, when the grace of His Majesty permits me to rest from my efforts, and give to my health the care it claims, seriously impaired, as it is, by the petty struggles and the heavy responsibilities which have incessantly rested upon me during the past five years."

The Cherokee Pension Frauds.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

The attention of the country has been very unpleasantly called, in a number of instances, to Senator Harlan, of Iowa, a gentleman of whom to think well would cause us the liveliest feelings of satisfaction. The Cincinnati *Gazette*, for a period of years, has published the gravest charges against him, affecting his political and moral integrity, based generally upon his official conduct while acting as Secretary of the Interior. Senator Harlan has often found himself in a position where he owed it to himself, as well as to the Senate of the United States of which he is now a member, to demand a prompt and full investigation of all these matters, that if innocent he might be relieved of all suspicion, and if guilty the Senate might purge itself of so unworthy a member. Instead of this, Mr. Harlan has very quietly sat in his seat, allowing the slanderous charges to accumulate daily, and permitting many good people all over the country, who had been his warm personal friends, to be alienated from him, and to hope for his defeat by the Iowa Legislature whenever it should have an opportunity to elect his successor. The *Gazette* returns to the attack, yesterday, accompanying its new thrust with a statement which we have no hesitancy in saying demands of the Senate immediate notice, as soon as the body convenes next month. Many a less grave statement has been made the basis for a Congressional inquisition, and in the present temper of the people such statements as these will not be forgotten in a trice. The present charge against Senator Harlan is of some irregularity as Secretary of the Interior with reference to the Pension Bureau being grounded upon an order of the Secretary's, said to be in existence in the department, and of which the original has been printed. With reference to this order the *Gazette's* Washington correspondent says:

One word in reference to the character of the order as a forgery by the declaration of Harlan, being in possession. An Assistant Secretary, being applied to for a copy of such a card could not, on any account, be furnished, resigning as a forgery. A Secretary declined to allow it to be published, stating that it was only right that high official of the government who, through illness, was prevented from attending to business, should be allowed to furnish it; he said that, if not withheld, "it would exercise a most disastrous influence upon the country at the election."

This is quite specific and quite disgraceful. It points too clearly to the identity of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the Home Department. Let them speak for themselves.

A PERILOUS TRADE.

How They Break Horses in Texas.

Those who have never visited the regions where wild horses are caught or reared have but little idea how the untamed steed of the prairie is rendered tractable and useful. At the present day in Texas the herds of mustangs that formerly ranged over its vast prairies have become almost extinct in the settled portions, and confine themselves to the extreme western counties. In their place are horses mostly crossed with American stock, which are in a state of semi-wildness—that is, they roam at will until certain seasons of the year, when all such as can be caught are driven in herds to huge pens constructed for the purpose, to be branded and marked, after which most of them are let loose to roam at will again.

Where, however, a portion of a herd desires to break any of his young horses, he proceeds in this wise: The first movement is to lasso the horse selected, by the head and throw him to the ground. He then takes on a kind of a halter, called a "hoss," is put on his head, both to serve as a bridle and to take the animal by it, being more effectual than a halter or bridle in checking his frantic efforts to liberate himself. He is either tied up closely all night or watched at the owner's. The next morning the sport begins.

All horse or stock-raisers have one or more vaqueros, whom they employ for the special purpose of breaking wild and vicious or half-factory horses. These go out, followed by all the members of the family, and proceed to overhaul their stock and see what is needful to be done. Here is a bronco that has never been ridden, and he is driven into a corral, or pen, and the lasso is thrown over his head, and he is choked down until he is thrown to the ground. Then the vaquero, with a few expressions, only the daughters of the nobility are received, which also confer the right to become teachers upon their pupils. These schools find their most beneficial influence in the distant provinces, where they serve as centres of civilization, spreading their influence to the little towns and parishes and villages about them. All these establishments are supported at the expense of the Crown, are under the patronage of the Empress or of the Grand Duchess, and form a special branch of the administration. The principal and subordinate teachers are in the service of the State, receive a certain rank accordingly and a graduated scale of salary, and on resigning have a right to a pension. Places in them are very much sought after; they are generally given to the widows of generals or persons known to the imperial family. The functions of the *gouvernantes* are a degree lower in the social scale, just as their pupils are recruited from all classes without exception. Persons who have received their education in private schools and who wish to become teachers must pass a thorough examination.

It would seem sometimes that a correspondent, that Russian women might be satisfied with the facilities which the State offers for their education, and they do not; they are not contented with secondary education, they wish to be admitted to the advantages of the highest instruction, and to have a university. There was a time when they were admitted to the university courses, and they entered in considerable numbers. But then came the student troubles, in which they took too prominent a part, and the university doors were closed upon them. One of the girls mounted a bundle of sticks in the midst of a crowd of students and addressed to them a violent harangue against the authorities. Since then they have never succeeded in forcing open the doors of the sanctuary, and all they have been able to obtain has been a series of university lectures which some of the professors have consented to deliver to them, and this only on conditions that the course should be denominated public and opened to both sexes. By a strange contradiction it was decided that female students should

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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Of the State of Illinois.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

SIR KNIGHTS: At the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, the undersigned were appointed a committee to receive and disburse such funds as may be contributed for the relief of sufferers by the late fire in the City of Chicago, and to call upon the Commanderies of Knights, or their families, by the late fire. The Commanders of Apollo Commandery No. 1, Chicago; Damascus Commandery No. 2, Joliet; Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 3, Galesburg; Peoria Commandery No. 4, Peoria; Chicago Commandery No. 5, Chicago; Temple Commandery No. 6, Bloomington; Oriental Commandery No. 7, Quincy; Palestine Commandery No. 8, Rockford; Freeport Commandery No. 9, Freeport; Rockford Commandery No. 10, Rockford; Joliet Commandery No. 11, Joliet; Galesburg Commandery No. 12, Galesburg; Peoria Commandery No. 13, Peoria; Bloomington Commandery No. 14, Bloomington; Quincy Commandery No. 15, Quincy; Rockford Commandery No. 16, Rockford; Freeport Commandery No. 17, Freeport; Rockford Commandery No. 18, Rockford; Joliet Commandery No. 19, Joliet; Galesburg Commandery No. 20, Galesburg; Peoria Commandery No. 21, Peoria; Bloomington Commandery No. 22, Bloomington; Quincy Commandery No. 23, Quincy; Rockford Commandery No. 24, Rockford; Freeport Commandery No. 25, Freeport; Rockford Commandery No. 26, Rockford; Joliet Commandery No. 27, Joliet; 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